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Winery producing now

By Janette Baughman

LOS CHAVEZ—Even though this valley was once abundant with grapes that were grown for wine making, there was little information available about the industry when Richard Chiavario and his family decided to establish a vineyard here about eight years ago.

So they planted 25 varieties—some from California and some from the East—to find out which would do well in this part of the country.

After several years, they decided on the varieties they believed would make the best wines.

For red wines, they chose Chancellor, Villard Noir and Baco Noir. For white wines, they chose Villard Blanc, Seyval and Aurore.

Since vineyards do not begin to produce income for some time, Chiavario continued to work for the Federal Aviation Administration until the business was established.

"We had to learn just about everything," Chiavario said. "It was a new experience."

The winery, located on US85 about two miles north of Belen, was built in 1981 and the next year, it produced 1,000 gallons of wine. The following year, about 1,800 gallons were produced. Chiavario says the way the grapes look this year, they should produce between 2,500 and 3,000

gallons.

The vineyard is a family affair with Richard's wife, Barbara, their two daughters, Jeron and Lisa and son Tony.

Valley grapes

The grapes are grown on seven acres off Payton Road and on five acres near the winery. New vines were planted this year on two of those this year.

"It's not heavy work, but it's time consuming," Chiavario said.

In August, the grapes will be hand-picked and taken to the winery, where they will be put in a crusher which removes the stems and gently rolls the grapes. A large hose pumps the juice into vats. The juice is inoculated with wine yeast, which starts the fermentation process and the natural sugar converts to alcohol.

"There's no big secret to the process," Chiavario commented. "Basically, we're making wine like they did 3,000 years ago."

Grapes were one of the first plants man ever cultivated.

The major difference of today is in the stainless steel crusher and tanks. Much of the stainless steel equipment used in the dairy business is usable in the wine business, Chiavario noted.

Essential supply

But not having a big wine industry here, Chiavario has to get some

supplies, such as bottles and corks, from California and the East.

He is now awaiting shipment of a basket press from Italy. That press will be capable of producing 186 gallons from about a ton and a half of grapes.

At the winery are the large American oak casks that hold the wine while it is being aged.

"Wine normally requires some aging, with the white wines taking less time than the red. It can age in the bottles, but oak seems to do something that nothing else does," Chiavario said.

He checks the casks every couple of weeks, using a "wine thief" to draw a sample. "It does evaporate and you have to keep the casks full," he said.

Some of the wine in those casks will be bottled in a couple of weeks.

"Right now we have two red and two white table wines," Chiavario said, describing table wines as those served with meals.

In August, the vineyards will be busy with workers picking grapes.

"It's a family business, but we do hire help at harvest time," Chiavario said. "We are starting to sell some of the wines to local restaurants."

The winery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for sales and for visitors.

"It probably takes 10 years to establish a winery," Chiavario said.



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Richard Chiavario checks the grapes in a field near the Chiavario Winery, north of Belen. By August, the grapes will be hand-picked and the juice will begin aging in the oak barrels at the winery.

Vineyard Venture May Make Valley A Wine Capitol



NEWS-BULLETIN Photo

A drip irrigation system is installed and planting is underway at the Rio Valley Vineyards in Sabin where partners in the venture also plan a winery.

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By Janette Baughman

The cultivation of grapevines is not new to this valley, but, in a sense, partners in the Rio Valley Vineyard are pioneering.

They have been successful in growing grapes on a small tract of land in Bosque and now they are expanding to 40 acres in Sabinal. But this time they will be using the drip irrigation method and a winery nearby is in their future.

"We have been pounding on the same theory since we began—that we could get a new industry started in New Mexico," said Don Spiers. "This new vineyard will produce enough to make 40,000 gallons annually which make a quantum jump in our production. Right now we are operating in terms of from 3-10,000 gallons. This will really change the picture."

Spiers, along with Jack Sichler, and Bernard Spiers of Utah, who have formed Farmers Investment Co., have been joined by Mr. and Mrs. David Illsley of Pine, Colo., in the Rio Valley Vineyard venture.

The 40 acres in Sabinal, once covered with sage, mesquite and other wild growth, have been cleared and planting of 16,000 vines got underway this week. Eventually the vineyard will cover 150 acres.

"The reason we chose 40 acres to begin with, we believed that was adequate tonnage to support a winery," Spiers said.

One reason they chose the drip irrigation method was that they wouldn't need to level the land as you would have to do with flood irrigation. "That saved us from moving thousands of yards of dirt," Spiers said. "But most important—for everybody in the area—

is the savings in water.

"With flood irrigation, it would mean pumping about 2,000 gallons a minute. With the drip system, you can water 40 acres in eight hours with 150 gallons a minute. You can see the difference in the amount of water required."

Another advantage is the reduction in weeds because you are not introducing seeds out of a ditch.

At the new vineyard, 125,000 feet of half-inch polyethylene pipe have been installed with emitters set at each point where a grape vine is planted. Water is fed from the well through 4,000 feet of PVC/pipe to the drip system.

It's all on automatic timers so the water comes on in four different areas automatically at different times.

"With the drip irrigation system, you get the correct amount of water on each plant at a rate of about two gallons an hour," Sichler said.

"There's a difference in costs, too. With the drip system, we can use a 10-horse power submersible electric pump on single phase. The other way would take a three-phase 50 horse power pump."

A stainless steel filter was put in the bottom of the well casing to prevent sand from going into the lines and plugging up the small emitters. The emitters can be opened and cleared, however, in the event of an obstruction.

Another saving is in pumping time and with the drip system you can get into the vineyard and pick the crop even when watering.

Others who have used the system find they have gotten a better yield because the system doesn't cool the soil like flood irrigation does.

Spiers figures the cost is about \$675 an acre compared to \$1,200 an acre for leveling plus the cost of about 2,000 feet of ditch.

"The land is suited for what we are using it for," Spiers said. "People have to consider how to best use the land. It would not be suited economically for alfalfa."

Their choice of grapes is different from those planted on the smaller plot in Bosque. "We chose one called Vidal 257 which is a French hybrid that makes a white wine similar to French Sauterne," Spiers said. "We also chose Chancellor, a red grape, that makes a burgundy-type wine."

Spiers said those two varieties among five were the consensus of a meeting in Roswell last spring. Information was compiled in a study of grape and wine production funded by the Four Corners Regional Commission.

Jack Spiers, Don Spiers and Bernard Spiers check the pumping system at Rio Valley Vineyards in Sabinal where they began planting 16,000 grapevines this week.

A drip irrigation system is being used on the 40-acre vineyard.

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"The grapes in the Bosque vineyard put us in competition head on with New York State wines and we don't want to enter the market against Taylor," Spiers said. "The ones we have chosen for the 40 acres have been started by other growers—some in Isleta under the same condition—sandy hills."

In Sabinal, they will be planting 16,000 vines—9,000 of them white and the rest red—in 168 rows.

"If we succeed and the winery becomes a reality, we will be providing a market for the small vineyards," Spiers said. A retired person could

have something that would keep him busy."

They are putting in one and two-year-old vines. It will be three years before the vines produce.

But the partners are looking ahead with optimism.

"We'll know by next year if the vineyard will take hold, but we're confident it will go," Spiers said.

In five years, they will be picking and, hopefully, the winery will be there waiting for the fruit of vine.

And who knows, one day this valley may become the wine capital of the southwest.

Chez Sabinal

With their Evita wines, the Sisneros-Torres family owns one of New Mexico's largest organic vineyards

BY PAMELA TRUJILLO
NEWS-BULLETIN STAFF WRITER

Breathtaking? Yes. Amazing? Yes. A walk in the clouds? Well....

Just 10 miles south of Belen off Sabinal Road lie nearly 100 acres of prosperous grapevines. The hundreds of rows of white and red wine grapes make up one of New Mexico's largest organic vineyards. Only one year and four months old, the state-licensed Sisneros-Torres Vineyard is expected to produce 160 to 180 tons of grapes this harvest.

The vineyard's production rate only emphasizes the amount of time, work and care put into the grape farm. At the heart of the business is the patriarch of the family, Raymond Fred Sisneros, who oversees every bunch in the vineyard and makes all the executive decisions.

Sisneros is no stranger to growing grapes. He lived in Abo for many years, nurturing 16 rows of grapes behind his house. Growing grapes is part of his culture's rich Spanish history of making wine, jelly and other grape products.

In 1983, while Sisneros was raising his modest grape farm, a small group of people started the spacious vineyard off Sabinal Road. In 1986, the vineyard gave its first partial production, with its first full production coming the following year. The vineyard did well for a while, Sisneros said, but the vineyard was eventually divided among the owners. As a result, much of the vineyard became ignored and unproductive.

Sisneros bought 10 acres of the vineyard in the spring of 1996, which led to the purchase of 10 more, then 10 more, and so on. His daughter, Bertha Torres, also got in on the action, buying several acres herself. On their newly purchased land, they planted 40,000 grapevines.

Last year's harvest, the first for the vineyard, produced an average of one ton of grapes per acre. The vineyard has grown since then and Sisneros said this year's harvest is producing three times as many grapes as it did last year.

Success hasn't been unearned at the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard. Between harvesting, fertilization, cultivation and irrigation, Sisneros and his helpers have had their hands full year-round.

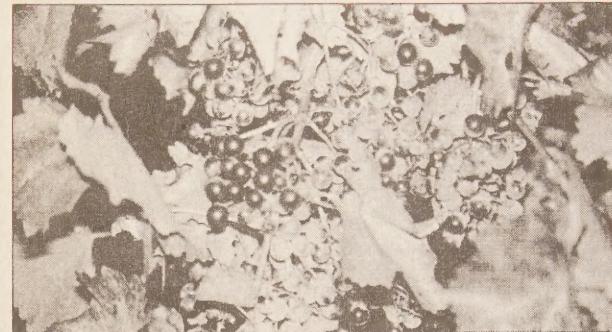
Harvest season is the highlight of the year. The Sisneros family and their friends join together to pick



Patrice Cheurlin of France drives the grape picker, a.k.a. "The Transformer," up and down each row of grapes. A family friend and valued helper and advisor at the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard, Cheurlin made the original branch of wine for the Sisneros family and owns his own vineyards in France.



Raymond Fred Sisneros saw a lot of opportunity in a once dying vineyard. He decided to resurrect the mile-long vineyard 16 months ago and is already seeing a triple increase in production from last year. Sisneros said some of the grapes by hand. Sisneros an easier and more time-consuming way to pick grapes.



PAMELA TRUJILLO/News-Bulletin photo
These red Chancelor grapes are 100 percent organic. The owners of Sisneros-Torres Vineyard are dedicated to keeping the vineyard as natural as possible.

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Sandy Battin

Good buy

The Belen High School band is holding a gigantic garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Los Chavez Fire Department at NM 314 and Square Deal Road.

Not only are some good buys expected, but you'll also be doing a good deed — helping the band buy a trailer to help transport instruments. At the same time, Booster Club President Cricket Pairett said you'll be able to "meet some of the county's best firefighters and get some fire safety tips."

Ace of clubs

This week, I've chosen to focus on activities of some of the organizations in the area that seem to be doing a good job of uniting people for worthy single purposes. If you have information about other groups, let us know.

Home folks

The board of directors of the Homeowners Association of Panoan Estates Units I and II were elected on July 28.

They include Pete F. Jimenez, president and registered agent; Allan J. Sedik, vice president; and Delores J. Larsen, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting to review by-laws and covenants is set for Sept. 22. For information about the meeting, call Pete F. Jimenez at 865-5048 or Delores J. Larsen at 865-7606.

Kibble does bit

Mabel Kibble, past president of the Belen branch of the American Association of University Women, attended the group's recent state convention in Clovis.

Sherry Sandlin of Santa Fe was installed as president of the state group.

Pilot to Hawaii

Marilyn Smith, president of the Pilot Club of Belen, was the official delegate to that group's national convention in Oahu, Hawaii, in August. Members Dolores Padilla, Mary Creighton, who was Pilot International Foundation representative, and Dorothy Raether, Southwest District treasurer, also attended.

Meanwhile, the Pilot Club held a clean-up day along Reinken Avenue from Main to the overpass recently. Among those attending were Rosie Cox, Dolores Padilla, Mary Creighton, Rhona Espinoza and her daughter Rachel, and Lucy Keys Brubaker.

The Pilot Club will be holding a rummage and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Belen Public Library.

Known to Bertha Torres as "The Transformer," a large tractor-type machine uses its "fingers" to pick the bunches of grapes hundreds of times faster than the human hand. To beat the heat and keep the grapes cool, picking is done from 6 p.m. until sometimes as late as 4 a.m.

Torres said part of the tradition of harvesting grapes is having a harvest festival on the first couple days. Everyone in the community is invited to eat and mingle and celebrate the year's blessing of grapes. Also during harvesting, food is kept on the table at all times for the hungry workers.

Harvesting lasts about one week. When the picking is finished, Sisneros irrigates once or twice more and then prepares for pruning, which must begin by November.

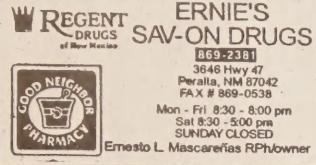
Pruning lasts until May, by which time fertilization has already begun. By June, it's time for summer pruning, not to mention the continuous odds and ends that need to be done, for example updating the irrigation system, unplugging water lines, removing weeds and replacing posts.

A successful vineyard takes tremendous cultivation and irrigation. The Sisneros-Torres Vineyard has a drip irrigation system that runs from two main wells. Ten acres of the vineyard can be watered at one time. During the peak of the summer, Sisneros said he has to water every three to four days, eight to 10 hours each day.

"It's a very labor-intensive pro-

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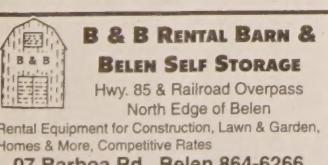
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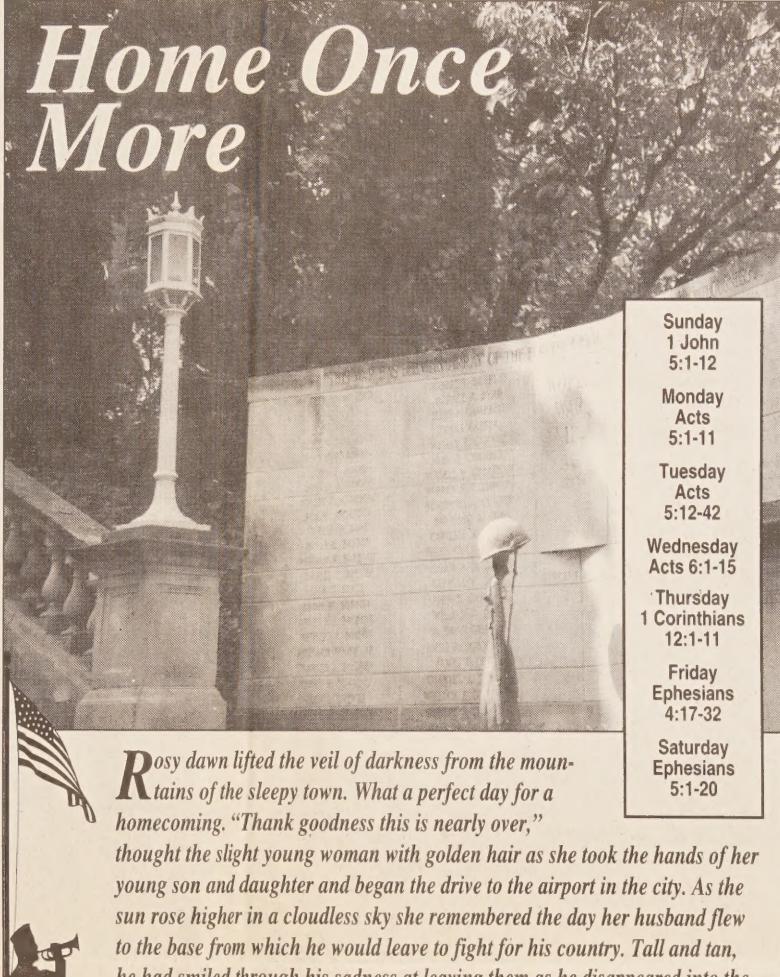
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Another plane would land today, bringing him home once more. There were others here to meet their loved ones. A band played a familiar song. Flags waved in the brisk breeze as the silver bird landed. Several men began to descend the steps as tears of emotion spilled down her cheeks. She stepped forward but the men just kept walking toward the shiny black limousine, the casket draped with a flag. Through her tears she whispered, "Goodbye".

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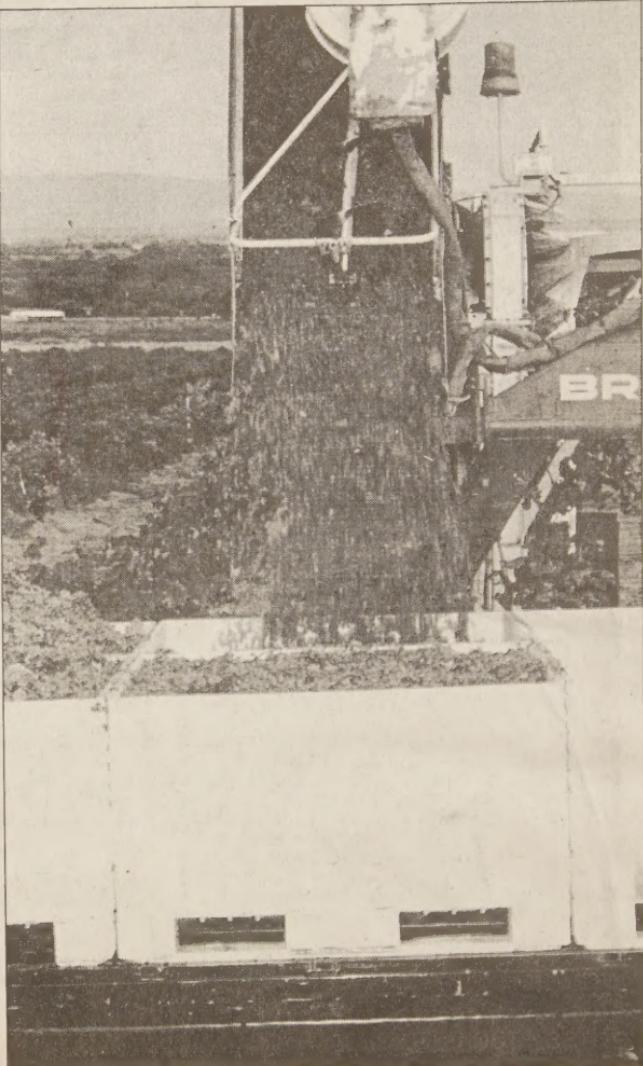
After the cycle is complete and the grapes have been harvested, they are processed and shipped to the winery in Deming. (Torres said the family hopes to build a winery facility at the vineyard eventually.) After the de-stemming, fermentation and aging, the final result is Evita Wines, named after Torres' mother.

The vineyard has the potential for one million bottles of wine in full production. Evita Wines were well accepted at the business' first public showing, the recent Bernalillo Wine Festival. With the making of wine under way, Torres said the she and her father also plan on making champagne next year.

One of the features of Evita Wines is the option for a specialty label. The labels can be custom made with names of businesses, brides and grooms, holiday greetings -- just about anything. The option has proved popular. The Sisneros-Torres Vineyard has already been receiving Christmas orders by the cases.

Sisneros raises five varieties of wine grapes: Villard, Vidal Blanc, Chancelor, Chalious and Leon Millot. An experienced farmer and scientist, Sisneros has also been experimenting with other varieties, although this area has been known to be too cold for many of the European Vinifera grapes. Vinifera grapes are more expensive, richer grapes that come from a hardier plant. Sisneros is experimenting with Riesling, Merlot, Muscatel and Zinfandel grapes, and has had a good turn-out so far.

Despite the never-ending labor of running a vineyard, the Sisneros family is excited about



Pamela Trujillo/News-Bulletin photo

Tons and tons of grapes are picked and then dumped from the grape picker into large containers. The grapes are processed and sent to Deming to be made into Evita Wine.

sharing their products with the community and would like to someday give public tours and demonstrations.

Taking care of a vineyard may not be a walk in the clouds, but

with many visions for the future and a successful harvest just about finished, the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard is a prime example of the benefits of hard work.

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terest, attorney's fees and costs and for an order directing immediate possession of the collateral and the issuance of a Writ of Replevin to that effect, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before October 23, 1997, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Access Financial Corp. is Rose M. R. Little of Puccini & Little, P.A., 8015 Mountain Road Place N.E., Suite 200, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, Telephone: (505)255-0202.

WITNESS the Honorable William A. Sanchez, District Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Valencia County this 19th day of August, 1997.

Clerk of the District Court
By Geri Lynn Sanchez
Clerk

(Seal)

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CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT 16

Valencia County Precincts 29, 30, and 34
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PRECINCT AV1 (Absentee)

Absentee Precinct
Los Lunas and Belen School Districts

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Solely for purposes of absentee voting, the entire District is consolidated into one single precinct and the location of the polling place for such absent voter precinct is the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, New Mexico. Absentee voting will be permitted as authorized by Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, and the

Belen y el Distrito de Escuela de Los Lunas, en una elección especial para el UNM-Valencia Branch Community College, Condado de Valencia, Nuevo México ("UNM-Valencia Branch") a ser celebrada el Martes 4 de Noviembre de 1997, la siguiente pre-gunta:

"Podrá la Junta del UNM-Valencia Branch Community College District, Condado de Valencia, Nuevo México, ser autorizada a emitir bonos de obligación general del Distrito, en una serie o mas, en la cantidad principal agregada no excediendo \$5,000,000 con el propósito de erigir y amueblar, construir, comprar, remodelar y equipar edificios y facilidades de utilidades y hacer otras mejoras de bienes raíces o para comprar terrenos, exclusivo de estadios, para uso en juntas de metas educacionales, dichos bonos serán pagaderos de impuestos (ad valorem) generales y serán emitidos y vendidos a dicho tiempo o tiempos y sobre dichos términos y condiciones como la Junta pueda de terminar?"

Sección 2. Precintos serán consolidados para la elección de acuerdo con la Sección 1-22-6, NMSA 1978, todos mas adelante presentados. Los precintos, incluyendo precintos consolidados y la localización y designación de cada lugar de votar serán como sigue:

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PRECINTO
CONSOLIDADO 1
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Los Lunas (Norte) y Los Lentes

Los Lunas Elementary School
800 Coronado St., Los Lunas

PRECINTO
CONSOLIDADO 2

Business

Outlook



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Trade

Mexican ambassador: We're on road to recovery

Verbatim
 Jesus Silva-Herzog, Mexican ambassador to the United States, was in Albuquerque on Thursday and Friday for a trade conference. He took time out to talk with Journal editors and business reporter Maggie Sieger. Here are excerpts from the discussion:

SILVA-HERZOG: 1995 was a real tough, complicated year for the Mexican economic, social and political situation. But we believe that we are on the road to recovery.

The stock market has shown a significant gain in the first six months of the year. Interest rates are coming down, and we have maintained various fiscal and monetary policies.

It is interesting that despite 1995 being the worst year since 1932, we end up with a fiscal surplus because we felt it was necessary to bring equilibrium back to our economy. ... And we did it the only way you can do that type of thing ... we increased revenues and reduced expenditures. That's the only way to balance the budget or to have a surplus.

We have been able to go back to the international and financial markets of the world in a relatively short period of time, which is a very clear indication that confidence is beginning to grow back to the country. During our last crisis, in the early 1980s, it took us five years to go back to the international capital markets of the world. Now we are back and we have been able to tap since the beginning of the crisis some \$10 billion from the federal government and other governmental agencies.

We announced in the middle of June that we were going to make a pre-payment to the U.S. Treasury of \$4.7 billion. We are now in the process of obtaining the money from the banking community, and we are expecting to make that pay-

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HIGH-TECH MEDICINE

Southwest Therapies mobile units provide temporary use of high-tech lithotripters to New Mexico hospitals.

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Agriculture

Bosque vineyard a family affair



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A HELPING HAND: Marissa Rosemary Sisneros, 4, helps her grandmother, Eva Sisneros, prune the grape vines at the family's newly purchased vineyard.

Sisneros, Torres members restore abandoned area

BY MAGGIE SIEGER
Journal Staff Writer

BOSQUE — Nash Torres woke up one morning to find he owned an overgrown vineyard in this community about seven miles south of Belen.

"I don't know how it happened," the Cañoncito Community School teacher joked. "I went to bed one night and the next morning, my wife said we had bought a vineyard."

The Sisneros-Torres Vineyard, just west of Interstate 25, is a family affair. Established in 1981 as the Sabinal Vineyard, it was largely abandoned by early 1996, when it attracted the interest of Raymond Sisneros, Torres' father-in-law.

Sisneros, who retired in the early 1990s from his post as assistant superintendent of Bernalillo schools, had cultivated about 200 grape vines as a young man in Abo, about 50 miles east in Torrance County. He'd always dreamed of owning his own vineyard.

"When I retired, I didn't have anything to do," said Sisneros, 69. "Believe me, I've found something."

Sisneros started buying pieces

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Real estate

Clifford returns to realty scene

BY DAVID STAATS
Assistant Business Editor

An Albuquerque land developer who was convicted of fraud five years ago is back in the commercial real-estate business.

Jack J. Clifford is running a real-estate company, Grayland Corp., from an office at 2403 San Mateo NE.

Among his projects is a planned development in the north Jefferson industrial corridor. His partners include freshman City Councilor E.

Tim Cummins, a real-estate developer and broker.

Clifford and his father, Jack M. Clifford, were convicted of fraud, racketeering and embezzlement in 1991 after prosecutors said they diverted \$1 million from a limited-partnership project — Clifford Plaza II, an Albuquerque office building — and used it for their own enterprises.

In 1994, the N.M. Supreme Court ordered a

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Session sold out

The Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting has been sold out. The chamber said 600 people are expected at the meeting Wednesday, featuring keynote speaker Brenda Barnes, president and chief executive officer of Pepsi-Cola North America. No extra tickets are available. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque.

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Vista Clara goes on auction block

Vista Clara, an 80-acre estate and spa southeast of Santa Fe, will be auctioned Aug. 3 by its owners, Chris and Carmen Partridge. The extensive property, which includes a 6,265-square-foot main house, has been appraised at about \$6 million.

6 Airline partnerships face fight

The U.S. government's efforts to create more competition in international airline travel appears headed for a lengthy fight. Delta and three major European carriers have been given the green light for marketing and service alliances, but European officials say they want to take a closer look.

21 Longer vacations? Dream on!

You wait for your summer vacation, and finally it arrives. Two weeks later, it's over, and you've got another year to toil. Does your vacation seem too short? By global standards it is. Americans get some of the least generous vacation benefits in the world, and it's not likely to change.

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NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS / JUNE 1996

1. FOUR SEASONS NURSING CENTERS, Manor Care nursing home addition
Address: 5123 Juan Tabo NE
Estimated value: \$800,000
Size: 10,192 square feet
Contractor: Klinger Construction Inc.
Architect: Darrel C. Folks
Permit number: 9602668

2. DASKALOS PROPERTIES, retail building shell
Address: 5801 Menaul NE
Estimated value: \$171,714
Size: 7,043 square feet
Contractor: La Sierra Construction
Architect: Miller & Associates
Permit number: 9602772

3. ROBERT JACOBS, warehouse with office and garage
Address: 9909 Trumbull SE
Estimated value: \$45,478
Size: 2,000 square feet
Contractor: Sheridan Classic Construction
Architect: R. Jacobs
Permit number: 9605567

4. STANLEY AND ARLYNE KRUGER, two-story addition with storage
Address: 3248 San Mateo NE
Estimated value: \$36,000
Size: 650 square feet
Contractor: Paul Blanchard Dev.
Architect: Garlan Bryan
Permit number: 9605436

5. UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, Manufacturing, Technology and Training Center
Address: 800 Bradbury SE
Estimated value: \$5 million
Size: 58,454 square feet
Contractor: G.A. Martin Ltd.
Architect: DCSW Architects
Permit number: 9604564

6. PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH SERVICES, hospital addition and interior remodel
Address: 8300 Constitution NE
Estimated value: \$342,900
Size: 1,200 square feet
Contractor: Enterprise Builders
Architect: SMPC Architects
Permit number: 9603772

7. ROB WORLEY INVESTMENTS, office building
Address: 1809 Moon NE
Estimated value: \$140,353
Size: 3,109 square feet
Contractor: Baker Construction Co. Inc.
Architect: Miller & Associates
Permit number: 9606450

8. CLINT SHERRIL, office addition and carport
Address: 730 San Mateo NE
Estimated value: \$100,000
Size: 2,414 square feet
Contractor: Custom Builders
Architect: Jim Miller
Permit number: 9514426

9. FAIR PLAZA ASSOCIATES, office complex
Address: 3800, 3810 Osuna NE
Estimated value: \$600,000
Size: 11,400 square feet

10. INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE, nursing home addition, alterations
Address: 1509 University NE
Estimated value: \$2.5 million
Size: 18,627 square feet
Contractor: Bradbury & Stamm
Architect: The Hill Group
Permit number: 9513726

11. KIRTLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, building addition, remodeling
Address: 6440 Gibson SE
Estimated value: \$2.2 million
Size: 28,871 square feet
Contractor: KDA Inc.
Architect: Taylor Gaul/Stenslad
Permit number: 9603994

12. CAP II, Walgreen's retail store
Address: 101 Coors NW
Estimated value: \$750,000
Size: 15,390 square feet
Contractor: Wilger Enterprises
Architect: George Rainhart Architects
Permit number: 9605136

13. MEL ROBERTS, service station market and carwash buildings
Address: 6940 Montgomery NE
Estimated value: \$232,200
Size: 3,663 square feet
Contractor: S&J Construction
Architect: Kevin Georges & Associates
Permit number: 9606555

14. GEORGE DASKALOS, Milly's Restaurant kitchen addition
Address: 2100 Candelaria
Estimated value: \$50,000
Size: 648 square feet
Contractor: F.D.C.
Architect: Edward Fitzgerald
Permit number: 9606777

15. CHUCK KIGER, auto repair facility

16. RIO GRANDE OIL CO., convenience store with canopy
Address: 3205 Montgomery NE
Estimated value: \$161,000
Size: 5,672 square feet
Contractor: Nuckles Construction
Architect: Ken Hovey
Permit number: 9605678

17. TED MADRID, office and auto glass facility
Address: 6644 Caminito Coors NW
Estimated value: \$262,000
Size: 3,395 square feet
Contractor: Britton Construction
Architect: David Tinker
Permit number: 9606350

18. QUALITY SUITES (AVINASH INC.), hotel with canopy
Address: 5251 San Antonio NE
Estimated value: \$1.95 million
Size: 38,754 square feet
Contractor: TNJ Construction
Architect: J. Torr
Permit number: 9602448

19. SYCAMORE REALTY, retail building
Address: 8070 Academy NE
Estimated value: \$950,000
Size: 24,450 square feet
Contractor: S.M. Camilli Construction
Architect: DCSW Architects
Permit number: 9605432

20. REID & ELLIOTT, medical office building
Address: 5900 Cubero NE
Estimated value: \$658,944
Size: 14,300 square feet
Contractor: Reid & Elliott
Architect: JLS
Permit number: 9606367



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KEEPING IN TOUCH: Bertha Sisneros Torres talks on her cellular phone while working in the vineyard she owns with her husband and father.

Bosque vineyard is a family affair

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of the Sabinal Vineyard in March.

After he started buying, his daughter, Bertha, said she'd be interested in a partnership.

Nash Torres, Bertha's husband, said he asked one day while touring the vineyard who owned a particular piece, but couldn't get an answer.

"My father-in-law said it was under negotiation," Torres said, rolling his eyes. "The next morning is when I found out I owned it."

The two families now own nearly 100 acres.

Teamwork, hard work

The whole clan, from Sisneros to his 4-year-old granddaughter, Marissa Sisneros, soon was involved in cleaning up the old vineyard.

"The whole family gets out here, weekends, evenings after work, any spare time we have," Torres said, who still teaches. "It's quite invigorating."

Refurbishing the vineyard took months of clearing weeds, pruning vines, tilling the soil and fixing the irrigation system.

Torres said he's lost about 30 pounds since he started work in the vineyard.

"We're almost all educators," he said, "but degrees mean nothing here. You throw them away and become day-laborers. As soon as you finish one project, there's something else to be done."

Even Sisneros admits he didn't realize just how much work would be involved in owning a large vineyard.

"I fooled around with grapes for many years, but I never knew this was going to be as much work as it is," he said.

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GOOD FOR GRAPES: Raymond Sisneros, 69, loves to work in the vineyard. He says the sandy soil in Bosque is wonderful for his grapes.

Sisneros, Torres families restore area

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He says the vineyard might turn a profit someday.

"This is a hobby," Sisneros said. "The money's not the thing. Eventually, it will start paying for itself — maybe."

The vineyard, which stretches for a mile along the interstate, is a waist-high green sea in the middle of a desert. As visitors approach the neatly arranged vines, bunches of grapes under large, waving leaves are visible.

The stark, brown vines are nearly devoid of leaves and overgrown with weeds. Posts designed to support the vines are rotted, making the vines seem as though they're staggering in sad rows.

Nearby is another plot, including a bottling plant, which the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard doesn't own. Sisneros said he'd like to add the 15-acre parcel to his holding.

Vineyard's rich history

The vineyard, originally a co-op, was built in grand fashion, with state-of-the-art technology imported from around the world. The vines are French, the drip-irrigation system is Israeli and the mechanical grape picker is Australian.

The vineyard is one of the largest in the state, said Charlene Selbee, executive director of the New Mexico Winegrowers Association. New Mexico has about 20 wineries and vineyards.

Sisneros estimates the original owners, a group of investors, spent about \$10,000 an acre establishing the vineyard. He declined to say how much he paid for it since the family is negotiating for the additional 15 acres.

Henry Street, owner of Sisneros Valley Vineyards and Winery, one of the oldest in the state, said the original Sabinal investors ran into trouble in the mid- to late 1980s.

"The Sabinal Vineyard was one of the first large wineries in New Mexico," he said. "The first pioneers always have it tough. They didn't know how to make a commercial wine."

He used to buy grapes from the Sabinal Vineyard before it stopped producing.

Street said that if the original investors had been able to hang on, the vineyard would have been successful because of its location in a relatively frost-free area with good soil.

Short time to harvest

Conditions this year are leading to a bumper crop. The grapes will be picked sometime between the middle of August and the first of September. Chemists will be on hand to tell pickers when the grapes are at their peak. When it's time for harvesting, the family will have just 48 hours, using a combination of manual and mechanical methods, Torres said.

The vineyard boasts five types of grapes — vidal blanc, chancellor, chelois, leon millot and villard.



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Sisneros estimates the vineyard will produce about 160 tons of grapes. That's enough for 24,000 gallons, or 10,000 cases, of wine.

The families already have contracts to sell about 60 tons to New Mexico wineries, including Street's, and are negotiating to sell the remaining grapes to bottlers, jam-makers and other wineries.

Eventually, Sisneros said he'd like to make his own wine, jams and juices.

A wine must be made of 80 percent to 85 percent New Mexican grapes to be classified as New Mexico wine, Selbee said.

Street said he doubts New Mexico will ever be home to huge, highly profitable vineyards and wineries like those in California. The land isn't conducive to that sort of growth, he said.

"There are a bunch of vineyards here, but they're predominantly smaller vineyards, producing about 1,500 to 3,500 cases a year," Street said. "Only three or four are bigger than that. You can make enough for a family to live comfortably, but you're not going to get rich on a winery in New Mexico."

He said the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard, with its combination of good vines, good location and good technology, "has the potential to be one of the better ones in New Mexico."



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HEADING FOR WORK: Deanne Golleher pushes her 4-month-old daughter, Sydney, in a stroller through the vineyard on her way to prune the vines.

Golleher's parents are Bertha and Nash Torres, co-owners of the Sisneros-Torres Vineyard.

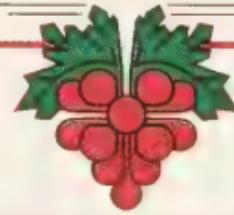
A TOP CROP:
Early summer rains, sandy soil and the drip irrigation system have combined to produce what looks to be an exceptional grape crop this season.

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4 BLACK MESA WINERY

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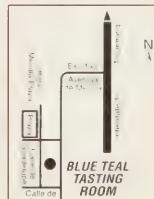
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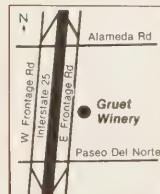
7 GRUET WINERY

Originally from the Champagne region of France, the Gruet family founded their first Champagne House in 1952. The family came to the U.S. in 1981 and traveled extensively throughout the southwest and California searching for the perfect climate and soil conditions needed to create excellent sparkling wines. After careful analysis, New Mexico was chosen. In 1984 Laurent Gruet and Farid Himeur moved to New Mexico bringing years of combined experience and knowledge in the tradition of champagne.

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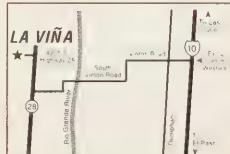


❹ LA VIÑA WINERY

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NEW MEXICO: AMERICA'S OLDEST WINE GROWING REGION

The first grapevines planted in what is now the state of New Mexico were brought in 1629 to Senecu, a Piro Indian pueblo south of Socorro, by Fray Gracia de Zuniga, a Franciscan, and Antonio de Arteaga, a Capuchin monk. San Antonio de Padua Mission, at Senecu, was located on the east bank of the Rio Grande, slightly north of the present small village of San Antonio. The cuttings brought by the missionaries were a variety of *Vitis vinifera*, commonly called the "mission grape." This variety is still grown in New Mexico today. Historians think it is a European variety from Spain, called Monica.

These same historians generally agree that the first California vines were planted in 1769 at the Mission of San Diego de Alcala.

Wine production began at Senecu in 1633 and continued for more than 40 years, providing the sacramental wine for New Mexico.

By 1800, New Mexico was wine country. By this time, a strip along the Rio Grande extending roughly from Bernalillo to Socorro and from the vicinity of Mesilla to El Paso had well-established vineyards.

By 1812, raids by nomadic Indians were having such a dramatic effect on trade that wine was the only revenue-producing product. Annual production from New Mexico wineries was estimated at 1,600 gallons.

The 1880 census indicated that New Mexicans had 3,150 acres of grapevines, almost double the figures shown in that year for New York state. Wine was such a popular beverage that by 1884, New Mexico was fifth in the nation in its production: almost a million gallons annually.

The Rio Grande and the weather were formidable adversaries of the early New Mexico vineyards. By the turn of the century, the Rio Grande had deposited enough sediment along its bed to elevate the channel above the surrounding terrain. Floods occurred frequently and the groundwater reached the surface of the soil converting once fertile land into a swamp. Grapevines developed root rot, and alkaline deposits coated the vines, lowering yields.

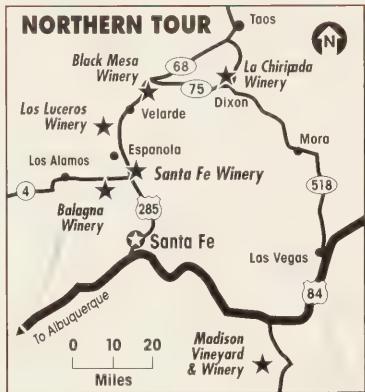
From a high of almost a million gallons a year, wine production fell to 296,000 gallons in 1890, 34,208 in 1900, and 1,684 in 1910. No legal wine was reported in 1920.

The rebirth of the New Mexico wine industry began in 1978. New Mexico now has 19 wineries, producing almost 350,000 gallons of wine a year. The state's wine industry is once again well established.

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VINEYARDS & WINERY**
3171 Highway 290
Ponderosa, NM 87044
(505) 834-7487
- 14. SANDIA SHADOWS
VINEYARD & WINERY**
11704 Coronado NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122
(505) 856-1006
- 15. SANTA FE VINEYARDS**
20 miles north of Santa Fe
on Hwy. 285
(505) 753-8100
- 16. SAN FELIPE WINERY**
2011 Mountain Road, Suite #4
Albuquerque, NM 87104
(505) 843-8171
- 17. SISNEROS-TORRES WINERY**
23 Winery Road
Bosque, NM 87006
(505) 266-3370
(505) 861-3802
- 18. ST. CLAIR WINERY**
1325 De Baca Road
Deming, NM 88030
(505) 546-9324
- 19. TULAROSA VINEYARDS**
23 Coyote Canyon Road
Tularosa, NM 88352
(505) 585-2260
1-800-687-4467

NEW MEXICO'S VINEYARDS AND WINERIES

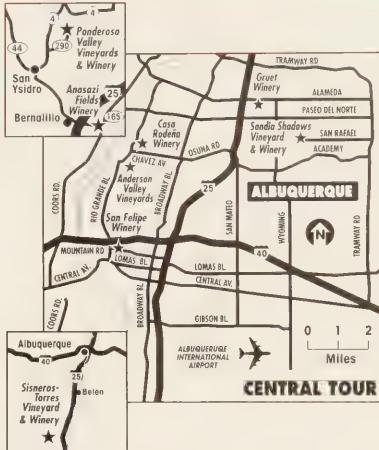




NORTHERN TOUR:

Make a day of going around the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and visiting six northern New Mexico wineries. Pack a lunch and start early on 84/285 going north from Santa Fe. At NM 502, travel west up the hill toward Los Alamos. Take Highway 4 to White Rock. There you will find **Balagna Winery**. Bring your lunch on the portal overlooking scenic White Rock canyon. Back down the hill, continue north on Highway 84/285 and you will find **Santa Fe Vineyards**. Continue north on 84/285. At Espanola, take Highway 68 north for 8 miles to the turnoff to Los Luceros and the **Los Luceros Winery**. Return to Highway 68 and in Velarde stop at **Black Mesa Winery**. Continue north on NM 68 to NM 75 toward Dixon for **La Chiripada Winery**. Continue on NM 75, 1.4 miles past Peñasco. Take NM 518 to Las Vegas. At Las Vegas, take Interstate 25 south to Exit 323 (Villanueva Exit) and head south 6 miles on NM 3 to **Madison Winery**.

During bad weather, check road conditions along this mountain route.



CENTRAL TOUR:

Start in Albuquerque going north on I-25, exit NM 44 to Bernalillo then north to NM 4 to NM 290 to **Ponderosa Valley Vineyards and Winery**. Return to I-25, and go east 6.2 miles on NM 165 to Placitas, home of **Anasazi Fields**, specializing in fruit wines. Return to I-25 south to Paseo del Norte. Go east on Paseo del Norte and then north on Pan American Fwy. to **Gruet Winery**, the home of Gruet Methode Champenoise. Travel north and east to Tramway Blvd. to **Sandia Shadows Winery**. The longest tramway in the United States is nearby. Return to Tramway Blvd. and then south to I-40 west, then south on Rio Grande Blvd. and east on Mountain Rd. to **San Felipe Winery** located in historic Albuquerque Old Town. Return to Rio Grande Blvd. and go north to **Anderson Valley Vineyard** located among the majestic cottonwoods in the Rio Grande Valley. Return to Rio Grande Blvd. and go north to Chavez Rd. Go east to **Casa Rondeña Winery** in the village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Return to I-40 east to I-25. Take I-25 south to exit 190. Then 10 miles south on NM 16. Follow the signs to **Sisneros-Torres Vineyard & Winery**.



SOUTHERN TOUR:

After breakfast, continue along I-25 south to Las Cruces. After a late lunch in Las Cruces, drive south to **Blue Teal Tasting Room**, **Mademoiselle** and **La Vina Winery** located off Hwy. 28 in the Mesilla Valley. Take I-10 West to Deming, home of **St. Clair Winery**. Return to Las Cruces and exit NM 70 to Alamogordo and north on NM 54 to **Tularosa Winery**.

10 LOS LUCEROS WINERY

New Mexico's newest bonded winery resides at what may be the oldest viticultural site in North America. Don Juan de Onate brought settlers to the Los Luceros area in 1598. (1998 was the quadricentennial!) He reportedly brought grapevines with him. In that case, the settlers would have planted a vineyard. However, the warm-region, late-season European grapes would not have ripened here even if they had survived the cold winters.

Our cool climate provides superb growing conditions for some short-season varieties, including Seyval blanc, Vidal blanc and Baco noir.

Los Luceros Winery's goal is to make world-class wines from the grapes that thrive here. Consistent with that goal, we spare no expense to barrel-ferment some white wines in new French oak, and age our premium Baco noir in new American oak.

The winery building appears to be a classic adobe structure, but is in fact the first strawbale winery in the Southwest.

The winery is located adjacent to the historic Hacienda de Los Luceros property, a beautiful reminder of the New Mexico that existed several centuries ago. Tours of the historic area are sometimes possible with advance reservation.

We expect the winery and tasting room to open in mid-1999. Tasting hours will be on weekends and holidays or by appointment.

Phone (505) 852-1085 or Fax (505) 536-6863.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 1100, Alcalde, NM 87511.

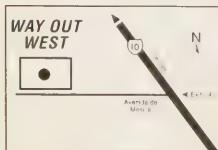
Proprietors: Bruce and Sue Noel

11 MADEMOISELLE

Nestled in the verdant Mesilla Valley, Mademoiselle features fine wines made only from New Mexico grapes. Enjoy a glass of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Muscat or one of our other wines or champagnes on our patio overlooking the Organ Mountains while nibbling on delicate appetizers from the Way Out West kitchen.



The tasting room is located inside the Way Out West Restaurant at 1710 Avenida de Mesilla in Las Cruces. Free tastings available daily from noon to 8 p.m.



Route 2 Box 306-U
Deming, NM 88030
Phone: (505) 546-5394

Proprietor: NMW, Inc.

NEW MEXICO WINE FESTIVALS

La Viña Blues & Jazz Festival
(1st Weekend after Easter)



**New Mexico Wine & Chile
War Festival, Las Cruces**
(Memorial Day Weekend)



**Santa Fe Wine Festival
at El Rancho de las Golondrinas**
(4th of July Weekend)



**New Mexico Wine Festival
at Bernalillo**
(Labor Day Weekend)

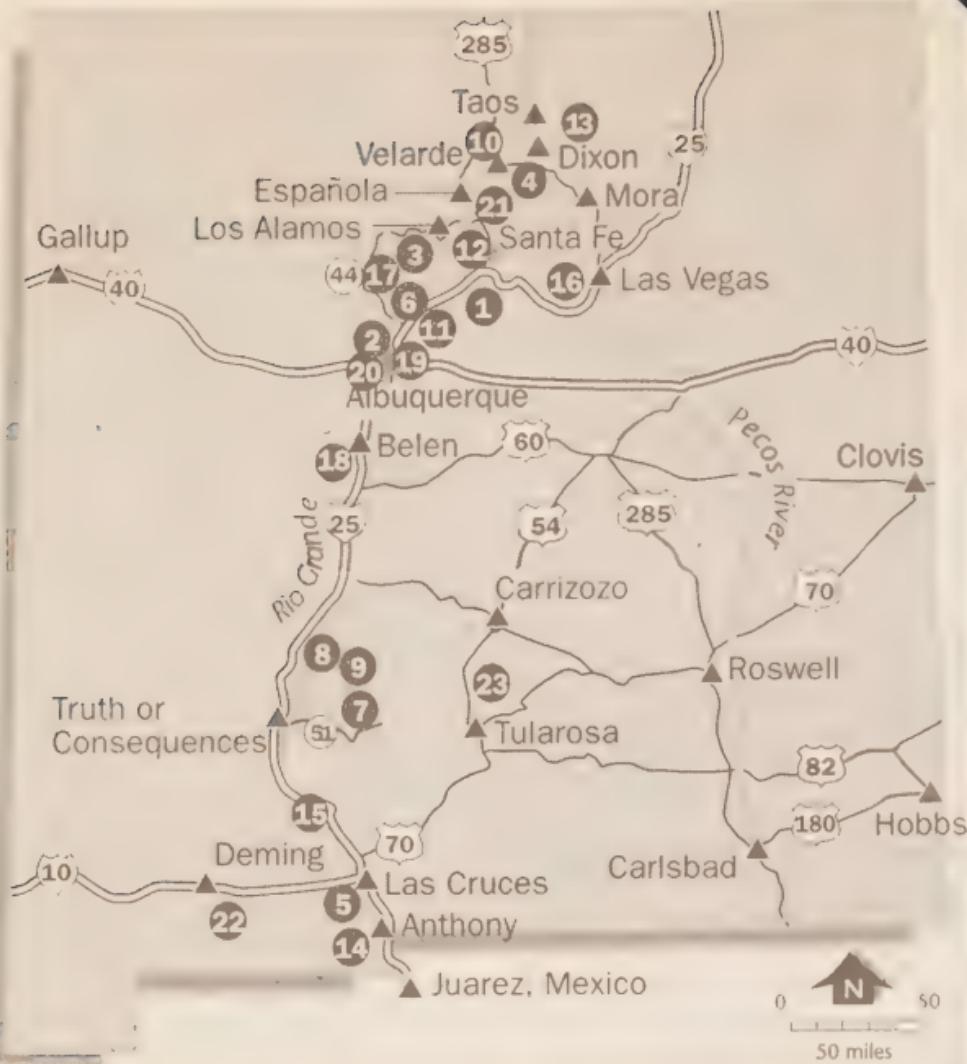


La Viña Wine Festival
(2nd Weekend in October)

For more information on
New Mexico Wines & Wineries,
please write

New Mexico Wine Growers Association
PO Box 45209
Rio Rancho, NM 87174-5209
(505) 892-4178 or (888) 888-0822
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NEW MEXICAN WINERIES AND VINEYARDS

- 1 Anasazi Field**
Camino de los Poblitos,
Placitas
- 2 Anderson Valley Vineyards**
4920 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
Albuquerque
- 3 Balagna Winery/
San Ysidro Vineyards**
223 Rio Bravo Drive
Los Alamos (White Rock)
- 4 Black Mesa Winery**
1502 Highway 68, Velarde
- 5 Blue Teal Vineyards &
Tasting Room**
Calle de Guadalupe
Mesilla
- 6 Casa Rondeña**
733 Chavez Rd NW,
Albuquerque
- 7 Chateau Sassenage
and Sabine**
PO Box 1606
Truth or Consequences
- 8 Domaine Cheurlin**
500 Main St
Truth or Consequences
- 9 Duvallay Vineyards**
500 Main St
Truth or Consequences
- 10 Embudo Station**
Embudo Station, Embudo
- 11 Gruet Winery**
8400 Pan-Amer. Freeway NE
Albuquerque
- 12 Jory Winery**
22 Chusco, Santa Fe
- 13 La Chiripada Winery**
PO Box 192, Dixon
- 14 La Viña Winery**
PO Box 440, Chamberino
- 15 Mademoiselle**
3910 W. Picacho, Las Cruces
- 16 Madison Vineyards & Winery**
Star Route 490, Ribera
- 17 Ponderosa Valley
Vineyards & Winery**
3171 Highway 290
Ponderosa
- 18 Sisneros-Torres
Vineyard & Winery**
25 Winery Rd, Bosque
- 19 Sandia Shadows Vineyard
& Winery**
11704 Coronado NE
Albuquerque
- 20 San Felipe Winery**
2011 Mountain Rd, Suite 4,
Albuquerque
- 21 Santa Fe Vineyards**
20 miles north of Santa Fe
on Hwy. 285
- 22 St. Clair Winery**
PO Box 1180, Deming
- 23 Tularosa Vineyards**
Star Route 2, Box 5011
Tularosa

Global hunger examined

■ Workshop, video teleconference focus on issue locally and worldwide

What did you have for dinner last night? If you are like 60 percent of the world's population, the answer might be as simple as rice and water.

On Thursday, World Food Day will focus the attention of an international audience on the problems of hunger, nutrition and food distribution. In Albuquerque, a video teleconference and workshop, to be held at the University of New Mexico's Continuing Education Center, will discuss local hunger issues as well as linking New Mexico to concerned participants around the world.

"It's a day to draw attention to hunger internationally," said Patricia Aaron, a Bernalillo County home extension agent and a coordinator for the workshop, "to let people know that not everyone is as fortunate as we are. And to realize that, even though we have massive food supplies, our distribution is not always so great. There are still people who go to bed hungry at night."

Thursday's conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a panel of local experts who will discuss hunger issues facing New Mexico, particularly in light of recent welfare reforms.

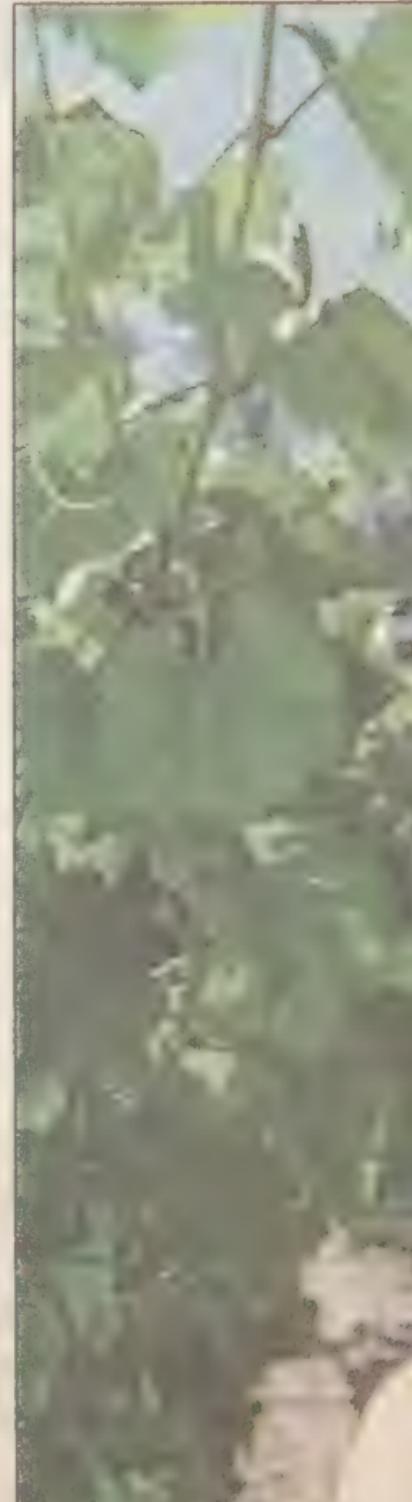
A video conference, broadcast live from Washington, D.C., at 10 a.m., will link the Albuquerque group with an international panel of experts addressing hunger issues around the world.

Each local participant will be randomly assigned a number at registration placing them in one of three groups for the luncheon,

What's Hot

MINCEMEAT AND MEMO

Recipe request sparks outpouring of letters.



Mexico being one of America's oldest wine producing regions, Lardner Cellar and Winery will preserve the tradition and culture of New Mexico by providing its finest quality wines. Lardner's goal is to provide a charming and tranquil setting in the Heart of Belen. The Cellar will include hospitable wine tasting rooms and a pleasant gift shop. They are anticipating both indoor and outdoor seating where one can sample imported cheeses and refreshments uniquely chosen to enhance the wine-sampling experience. The Heart of Belen will anticipate a 2007 opening date for Lardner Cellar & Winery.



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